Steve Griffin Predicts Pennant Team for Richmond

RES I HAVE KNOWN

Charles Rigier, of the National Charlos Rigler, of the National League, is better known as "Cy," or Dutch Rigler, and his many witty remarks on the ball field have gained for him the distinction of being the Tim Hurst of the older organization. "Cy" has had a rather varied career. Born at Massillon, O., in 1881, after attending the public schools he started to earn a living as deckhand in the big steel works, where he served his time in the machine shop. time in the machine shop.

There were a number of teams among the employes, and as "Cy" was too fat to play ball himself, and wanting to take an active part in the games, he was chosen as the umpire. Right there is where he got his start, for it wasn't long before he was overwhelmed with lotters seeking his services for the professional ranks.

After dickering for some time he finally consented to report to the Central League, under Dr. Frank Carson. "Cy" was a born umpire, as he was a success from the start. One year in the Central League was all that was necessary before President Pulliam, of the National League was liked by a bit. the National League, realized his abil-ity and engaged him. He took up his duties in the National League in the spring of 1905, and since then has been one of its leading members.

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He was chosen to work in the world's series on two different occasions—first in 1999 and again in 1912. So well did the umpires work last year that they were praised by press, magnates and managers as well, and even the National Commission—so much so that the National Commission decided to give each umpire a diamond studded button, at the same time they adopting a rule that would give each umpire a diamond button for his work in each diamond button for his work in each



attraction to umpire the first series of games between the teams of the States and the Cubans. He was well liked for his genial manner and the interest that he took in the advancement of the game. He laid out the grounds for the Almarades team so satisfactorily that Victor Munoz, sporting editor 10f the Havana World, heralded it all over the United States.

That calls to mind a few remains the restriction and explanation of the good qualities of the Rector window lock.

As a baseball coach he is given credit of turning out one of the best teams that ever represented the University of Virginia.

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When baseball was in its infancy in Cuba, Rigler went there as an added "Cy" one day at the Polo Grounds when New York was playing a close game, and on every close play that went against the New York club McGraw, would say, "Yell, old boy, after the season is over you can go get your job back as groundkeeper for the considerable with him when he is in the mood to tell stories and listen to his talles is really worth the price of admission.

Always having lived a good, clean life, "Cy" has been prosperous, and owns his own home and considerable real estate in his home town, where he resides with his wife.

Cubans, for there is where you are more of a success."

For the past two years "Cy" has been studying law at the University of Virginia, and in the spring coached the varsity team. It was Rigler who developed the great young southpaw. Itixey, who made such a record last summer as a member of the Phillies.

President Fogel, of the Philadelphia club, at that time promised "Cy" a neat sum if he could get Rixey's signature to a Philly confract. "Cy" delivered, but never realized, because Mr. Fogel resigned his office before the money was paid over.

It is real amusing to hear "Cy" comment on the hard luck he played in because Fogel resigned.

This past winter the writer had the pleasure of visiting with "Cy" in New York, and many Tueny, tales did he hear. "Cy" is handling a patent window lock that was patented by a young woman in St. Louis. Jimmy Rector, another Virginia star, is her attorney, and as "Cy" and Jimmy are old college chums naturally "Cy" is bound to make it a success.

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Boatwright to Co-operate.

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Danville, Va., February 28, 1913.

Gus Malbert.

Sporting Editor The Times-Dispatch:
Dear Sir.—Last season, which, as you know, was my first as president of the Virginia League, annay statements were published in the various papers around the State which were detrimental to the interests of the league, and while I do not think that these statements were malicious, the correct facts could have been had with very little trouble and expense.

I am writing to each of the sporting editors throughout the circuit this letter, and I want to say to all of you, so long as I am president of the Virginia League that I will cheerfully give you correct information if you will write, phone or wire.

I want to say further that the just criticism of my acts is to be expected, an idea of asking you not to do this, but simply in matters affecting the league that you hear both sides.

Thanking you on behalf of the league for your co-operation and interest, and with kindest personal regards, I am, Very truly yours.

J. O. BOATWRIGHT.

Just Fifteen Days Now.

In fifteen days Steve Griffin will be here. Following his arrival transportation to the men will be sent out. In all, there will be about twenty men to report. They will come from all sections, but the preliminary railroad fare will be considerably reduced because of the reduced squad. Quality rather hand, and the president Boatwright has advised each of the cities in the circuit that the solutions, but the preliminary railroad fare will be considerably reduced because of the reduced by the addition of a few dollars to his salary. That ends the last trouble of the locals President Boatwright has advised each of the cities in the circuit that the solutions, but the last of this month, or franchises will be forfeited. He has also requested the the last of the salary. That end

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Chester Agricultural High School—relay; H. Goyne, 50-yard scholastic.
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Scholastie.

John Marshall A. C.—Relay team;
Crutcher, shot put.

Bank Relays.

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Blackstone Academy—Relay; several
men in open events, scholastic; entries
not received.

Woodberry Forest and Episcopal
High School have signified intention
of entering, but entries have not been
received. Jimmy Mulligan will send a
relay from Western High School to
compete with winner of Woodberry and
Episcopal High School relay.

Maryland Agricultural College—Relay.

Richmond College—Relay, second re-

Word and McRee, 50-yard dash; McRee and Meek, 50-yard hurdles; Burke, 440 dash; Cason and Strother, 880; Vaughan, mile run; Bryan and Batten, high jump; relay (Word, McRee, Strother, Vaughan).

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for failure, was the concensus of opin-ion. McAleer went to Boston, and for McAleer they got Griffith, obviously a failure in Cincinnati, and Ikewise a failure in New York. But Griffith, the failure, and McAleer, the other failure, finished one, two, in the race. That's why, or rather these are some of the reasons why advance prognostications in baseball have about the same

orth that a carload of ice would have carried to the heated regions.

Were we brave, we should subscribe the opinions held by Secretary Bradey and Steve Griffith. We should ave little hesitancy in picking Richard to win for really after a care. mond to win, for really, after a careful consideration of the talent secured by the other cities of the circuit, Richmond looks best. The one weak spot on the club was the out-field. This has been attended to in so satisfactory a fashion that how it is be surpassed in this league fur-hes a real problem. Laval and erts are sure to be a part of the garden force. Both are clever fielders and, more to the point, can deliver the clouts which count. This leaves one position open, with such men as Charles, Burke, Tennant and Piez to

The infield, as we have remarked be-

Rogers and Lusky air trying, the start will be vastly better than last sea-son, when, if anything, Grif had entirely too many men, especially older men, reporting. The fan will remember that when the bell tapped there was George Cowan, Fred Lucia, Phil Hinton, Perry Thackera and then came the trade for John Mace. Some job to pick from that talent and inferior catching had much to do with the showing of the Colts in 1912, regardless of anything else. Since it is the opinion of Griffin that he will never start another season without an experienced man behind the bat, the fight for the second position seems to lie.

Washington lad haing the call on form and experience.

Pitchers are always unknown quantities, but logically the staff here should be all pay dirt. Of the old men, Bussey, reports in good condition; Harry Griffin is having all he can do getting the local collegians in shape, though he is now confined to his room with mumps; Charlie Strain is working every day to make a reputation for himself; Burleson made a food record last season with Roanoke. The new men must show for themselves, with

call him at any time, or could get his showing any favoratism for any one money back, with the privilege of club. As for Joe Boehling being turned over to Roanoke, it is laughable. Joe made good with Chattanooga, in the Southern League, and then went to Worcestor in the New England League, being one of the stars in the North country.

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Such a showing would not warrant the belief that the local amateur would be shoved back to class C ranks, even should Griffith not decide to use him and we subscribe to the opinion that Boehling will be a very valuable member of the Climbers during the warfare of 1913.

Commenting on prospects for the season in the Virginia League, both Secretary Bradley and Steve Griffin voice the opinion that the league will be far and away faster than ever before. One of the reasons advanced by the secretary of the locals, is that the Virginia League has the largest population by 33 1-3 per cent of any class of Corganization in the country. Coupled with this is the era of goodfellowship linaugurated at the last meeting when the magnates started to work with the purpose to adopt a schedule and arrange other matters for the best interest of the league without reference to personal wishes or animosities against any individual member. Perhaps the views of the two men most interested in the local club, may be of interest. Here they are:

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"In giving my opinion of the Virginia League, and should equal the sassinged as unpries, it looks like he has sued good judgment and selected the propor men to run the games. As conditions now stand, it seems that this will be the banner year of the Virginia League, and should equal the season of 1908, when Richmond won the pennant. Manager Griffin says he virginia League, and should equal the season of 1908, when Richmond won the pennant. Manager Griffin says he various clubs. Petersburg looks strong to me, but Richmond will be right to the strongest in the country for the population, the last census, the population, of the last census, the population, of the last census, the population of the l

The infield, as we have remarked before, looks mighty good. John Raley at first, Doc Newton at short, Griffin at second and young Bresnahan at third furnishes a well-balanced innerdefense—one that can stick and field and is as fast as the average.

Strong Behind Bat.

Behind the bat, with John Mace.

Behind the bat, with John Mace such a factor this season, as luck played a great part in their winning last season. That unfortunate series in Richmond put them up as contenders in the race. From the nature of the material signed by Newport News, I am afraid Manager Davis does not put us in our right class, as I see most of those signed by him are semi-

for the second position seems to lie between Rogers and Mace, with the Washington lad haing the call on form "I dream, sleep and cat with that be-

men must show for themselves, with always a chance that Ayers may be back, notwithstanding the report that Roanoke is to be a farm for the Wash-

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professionals. Schaeffer has a fair club, with the men left from last year, and he has secured a couple of good

back, notwithstanding the report that Roanoke is to be a farm for the Washington club.

As to Roanoke's Farm,
Roanoke may be such a farm, but it is inconceivable that Griffith, after paying \$1.500 for Ayers would turn him over to the Tigers, when he could let him come to Richmond under an optional agreement, being able to re-

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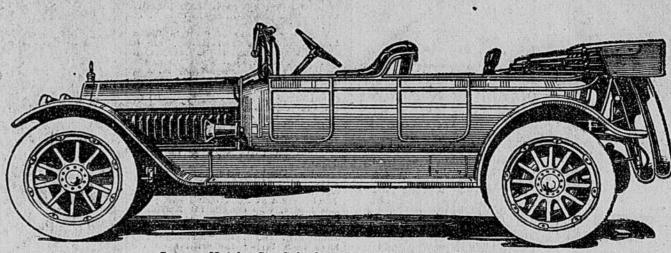
George Washington University—Two relay teams and other entries.

Georgetown University—Relay; Eller, hurdles and dashes; low high jump; Weidman, pole vault (South Atlantic record-holder); Stebbins, Terwilliger, Horter, 220 dash (first, second and third in 220 in Hopkins games); Costello, of football fame, in pole vault; Gallagher, 410 and mile run (finished seventh in Stockholm Marathon).

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